Recent Results from the EBIT and Super EBIT at LLNL

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The electron beam ion trap (EBIT), and the higher-energy Super EBIT at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory can produce any highly charged ion. These highly charged ions are used in several different research programs, including electron-ion collision cross sections, spectroscopic measurements of atomic structure, ion retrapping and cooling, and ion-surface interactions. Recently, the Super EBIT has been used to measure L-shell and K-shell ionization cross sections for the series of uranium ions from U⁸³⁺ to U⁹¹⁺. A recent Super-EBIT measurement of the ground-state hyperfine transition in hydrogenlike ¹⁶⁵Ho⁶⁶⁺ is especially significant because of the complete absence of Doppler shifts.

A cryogenic Penning trap, injected with ions from EBIT and dubbed RETRAP, has been used to observe a single highly charged ion as it recombines by sequential electron capture from neutral hydrogen molecules. Recent results in ion-surface collisions include the observation of large efficiencies for sputtered ions and secondary electron emission.

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